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SUBJ: RECENT DEVELOPMENTS

### 1. POPULISM TO CLAIM SMITH?

THERE ARE REPORTS THAT GEORGE SMITH, PLP REPRESENTATIVE FOR EXUMA'S ROLLEVILLE DISTRICT, PARLIAMENTARY SECRETARY TO THE PRIME MINISTER, AND A KEY FIGURE IN PLANNING JULY'S INDEPENDENCE CELEBRATIONS, WILL LEAVE GOVERNMENT. THESE REPORTS INDICATE THAT PM PINDLING IS UNHAPPY WITH THE SUPPOSEDLY "ELITIST" TONE SMITH GAVE TO SOME INDEPENDENCE CEREMONIES AND WITH RESULTANT CRITICISM FROM POPULIST ELEMENTS WITHIN THE PLP. A NEWSPAPERMAN TRACKED SMITH DOWN AT THE PUBLIC RELATIONS FIRM HE IS PREDICTED TO JOIN, BUT SMITH CLAIMED HE HAD JUST STOPPED IN TO USE THE PHONE AND REFUSED ANY OTHER COMMENT.

### 2. BAHAMIANIZATION TO CLAIM OUTTEN?

THE PLP'S MEMBER OF THE HOUSE FOR ST. BARNABAS, SINCLAIR OUTTEN, HAS RESIGNED AS PARLIAMENTARY SECRETARY TO THE MINISTER OF EDUCATION AND MAY BE FORCED TO RESIGN FROM PARLIAMENT AS WELL, AFTER HE RECENTLY LEARNED THAT HE IS NOT A BAHAMIAN. ADVIS-  
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ING HIS FATHER, A TURKS ISLANDER, ON HOW TO ACQUIRE BAHAMIAN

CITIZENSHIP AFTER INDEPENDENCE, OUTTEN LEARNED, FOR THE FIRST TIME, THE HE HIMSELF HAD BEEN BORN ON TURKS. THE GOB CONSTITUTION REQUIRES THAT ALL CANDIDATES FOR THE HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY BE BAHAMIAN CITIZENS. WHILE THIS PROVISION APPEARS TECHNICALLY TO INVALIDATE OUTTEN'S 1972 ELECTION, IT HAS BEEN SUGGESTED THAT A PRIVATE BILL COULD BE PASSED TO DECLARE HIM A BAHAMIAN RETROACTIVELY. THIS COULD PROVE EMBARRASSING, HOWEVER, SINCE THE PLP HAS BEEN ACCUSED OF EXPELLING SOME TURKS AND CAICOS RESIDENTS OF THE BAHAMAS FOR POLITICAL REASONS.

### 3. BRIDGE OVER TROUBLED WATERS

KENDAL ISAACS, WHO RESIGNED AS OPPOSITION LEADER IN JUNE AFTER A PUBLIC SPLIT IN FNM RANKS, RECENTLY PORTRAYED THE MOVEMENT AS A HOUSE OF MANY MANSIONS WITH ROOM FOR ALL SHADES OF OPINION. AS THE FNM MET TO CONSIDER DISCIPLINARY ACTION AGAINST THREE DISSIDENT MEMBERS, ISAACS SOUGHT TO REGAIN THE PEACEMAKER'S IMAGE HE LOST LAST SPRING. IN A ROTARY CLUB SPEECH, HE SAID THAT "THE OPPOSITION PARTY MUST TRY TO GATHER INTO ITSELF THOSE WHO ARE OPPOSED TO THE FUNDAMENTAL PHILOSOPHY OF THE GOVERNMENT (READ "THE DISSIDENT WING") AS WELL AS THOSE WHO, WHILE IN FAVOR OF THE FUNDAMENTAL PHILOSOPHY, NEVERTHELESS ARE OPPOSED TO THE STYLE AND METHODS OF THE GOVERNING GROUP (I.E. THE ISAACS' WING)". THE FNM TRIBUNAL HAS MET FOR TWO LENGTHY SESSIONS BUT NOT YET REACHED A DECISION ON THE CONTINUED MEMBERSHIP OF SIR ROLAND SYMONETTE, MICHAEL LIGHTBOURN AND CLEOPHAS ADDERLEY. SPIERS

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